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## **Bank robber is sentenced to 6 & 1/2 years**

A federal judge has sentenced **James Silva**, 37, to 78 months in prison for a robbery committed at a Citizens Bank branch in October. Based on a fingerprint found at the scene, Providence Police arrested Silva, also known as John Palliotti, two days after the robbery.

The Office of the United States Attorney announced the sentence, which Senior U.S. District Court Judge Ronald R. Lagueux imposed on May 25 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In March, Silva, who had no permanent address, pleaded guilty to one count of bank robbery. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Adi Goldstein said that, on October 15, at the Citizens Bank branch at 33 West River Street, Silva, handed a teller a note demanding money. Silva, who did not have a gun, fled with \$5,389.

Detectives obtained a latent fingerprint from the note, which Silva had left at the bank, and matched it to Silva. He was arrested two days later and subsequently admitted the robbery.

**Providence Police** and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Goldstein prosecuted it.

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